GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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EXPORT ORDERS FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are getting orders for rail coaches and rail engines from the foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, item-wise and country-wise;

(c) the total income generated from these orders;

(d) whether the Government have any plans for expansion of the rail coach factories and ICF, Chennai to meet the demand of domestic and foreign orders; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) Yes, Sir. Export of rolling stock is made by the Indian Railways through RITES and IRCON, the two PSUs under the Ministry o Railways. They make marketing efforts of sale/lease of rolling stock manufactured by the Production Units of the Indian Railways. Specific countries have been allotted to RITES and IRCON to avoid duplication efforts. They are, at present, in touch with Vietnam Spoornet (South Africa), Thailand, Sudan, Colombia and Mozambique for the export of locomotives, coaches and power packs.

(b) The details of engines and coaches, exported during the last three years are as under :-

YEAR	Country	Coaches	Locomotives
99-2000	USA		Two old MG steam Locomotives.
	Myanmar		Ten old MG diesel Locomotives.
2000-01	Bangladesh	Seventy two MG Coach bogies	
	Vietnam		Five BG diesel Locomotives.
2001-02	Bangladesh		Five BG diesel Locomotives.
	Sri Lanka		Two BG diesel Locomotives.
	Malaysia		One 2300 hp MG diesel Locomotive.
	Vietnam		Five 1350 hp MG diesel Locomotives.

(c) The total income generated form the above orders is Rs.7658.50 lakh. In addition, 35 old YDM4 Diesel meter gauge locomotives have been given on lease to the following countries:-

i) Malaysia - 25 (Through IRCON)
ii) Tanzania - 10 (Through RITES)

Annual earnings are Rs. 682.5 lakh.

(d) There is no plan for expansion of the existing manufacturing capacity either of ICF or RCF as it is adequate to meet the present

requirements of Indian Railways as well as the export market.

(e) Does not arise.